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Applicants : Martin A. Cheever and Mary L. Disis
Application No. : 09/088,951
Filed : June 02, 1998
For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS TO GENERATE IMMUNITY
IN HUMANS AGAINST SELF TUMOR ANTIGENS BY
IMMUNIZATION WITH HOMOLOGOUS FOREIGN PROTEINS

Examiner : Karen A. Canella, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1642
Docket No. : 920010.535
Date : December 04, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 & 1.121

Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.
Applicants' Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of eliciting or enhancing a T cell response to a human self tumor antigen, comprising immunizing a human being with a composition comprising a protein or portion thereof with an amino acid sequence native to a non-human source, wherein the non-human protein or portion thereof has at least 80% amino acid sequence homology to the human self tumor antigen but is not identical in amino acid sequence to the human antigen.